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A publication for faculty and staff

Center's mission: make terrorists pay for crimes

UCF's National Center for Forensic Science will set standards for collecting and analyzing fires, explosions

Terrorism in the U.S. over the last several years have spawned a need not only to find those responsible for the violence, but to make sure there's enough evidence to convict them.

Not an easy task.

But one UCF's newly formed National Center for Forensic Science is ready to tackle.

Speaking to more than 300 community leaders at the President's Excellence Breakfast on Monday, Sept. 8, William McGee, the center's director, compared the mission of the center to his favorite TV show of times past: "Mission Impossible."

The comparison is not that zany. Much like the TV series, the center will use and develop the latest in technology to make terrorists answerable for their crimes. "Our task is not impossible, but difficult," McGee says.

The center will conduct research, develop standards for collecting and analyzing data after fires and explosions, teach professionals how to use those standards and work closely with law enforcement agencies. It will also be a source for training and educating professionals in the field.

Bombing and terrorism in our country is "a real

threat," U.S. Rep. Bill McCollum told those at the breakfast. "Sadly, we'll probably see this type of thing again. So it is crucial in each case that we discover who did it."

McCollum chairs the House Subcommittee on Crime and was instrumental in the creation of the center. "This is what it's all about: helping law enforcement. It's good for central Florida, the people and the entire country," he says.

Work at the center will set national standards

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UCF Police: crime low, be careful

UCF has earned high marks on the FBI-issued Uniform Index Crimes charts. But that news comes with a warning from campus police Sgt. Tom Gorbis: "Students, staff and faculty should not be complacent just because the crime stats are low."

Statistics show that UCF has one of the lowest crime rates for institutions its size. Nevertheless, campus police insists the FBI charts don't give an accurate picture of crime because they only list crimes reported to campus police (See box on page 4).

While UCF is safer than most colleges and universities, police are concerned that students and employees might have a false sense of safety. For example, police received no reports of sexual assault on campus last year; however, eight people identified themselves to Victims' Services as having been attacked sexually.

"Crime does exist at UCF, but many, various crimes, for whatever reason, are not reported to police," Gorbis says.

The federal government requires universities to publish their crime statistics. The 1990 Federal Crime Awareness and Security Act broke the decades-old pattern of some institutions portraying themselves as havens of

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Gift of life



President John Hitt signs an oversized Uniform Organ and Tissue Donor Card on Aug. 27 to lead off the "Get Carded" campaign to recruit future organ donors. The campaign is being run by Volunteer UCF in conjunction with TransLife. For the drive, 10,000 donor cards were mailed to faculty, staff and dues-paying members of the Alumni Association. Looking on is Mary Palmer, UCF's director of Innovative Learning, whose teenage daughter received a lung and heart transplant in 1993.

Professor's quest takes him to Tibet

His summer quest to film a saga of compassion took UCF film and animation professor Charles Harpole to a remote Buddhist monastery. There, in the Himalayan Mountains, he set the stage to return in February with a professional crew to document the mystery and mystique of a boy-leader with status among his Tibetan sect similar to that of the Pope in the West.

More than three weeks of travel — through lands with exotic names like Kathmandu, Nepal — brought Harpole down a 70-mile, boulder-filled path that leads to the Tsurphu Monastery.

Where the air is thin, conditions austere and the population so sparse that his driver *knew* on sight a rampaging yak — which blocked the rustic path and rammed a hole in the side of another vehicle — Harpole found the Karmapa, the 13-year-old leader of the Buddhist lineage of Kaygu.

The Karmapa holds the same position as the well-know Dalai Lama of a different lineage. The Karmapa is said to be the reincarnation of the previous Karmapa. This, Harpole says, is Buddhist tradition based on the philosophy of karma, rather than a deity.

Though not Buddhist himself,

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Memos

To: All departments
From: Jack Winstead, Purchasing
Subject: Annual Contract for temporary help services

The University of Central Florida Invitation to Bid No. 8037JCSA price structure was changed effective Sept. 1. Due to the federal increase of the minimum wage, our vendor for temporary services has increased its prices. All acquisitions of these products(s)/ services(s) shall be made under the terms, prices and conditions set forth in this notice.

• Vendor: Top Talent Staffing Service, 1000 N. Magnolia Ave., Suite A, Orlando 32803-3865

• Contact: All personnel, 839-0502

• Items covered:

General office — typist, \$7.28 per hour; clerk, \$7.13 per hour; clerk typist, \$7.28 per hour; receptionist/typist, \$7.60 per hour

Data entry — data entry operator, \$7.28 per hour; word processor operator, \$8.28 per hour; personal computer operator, \$8.28 per hour

Secretarial — executive secretary, \$8.28 per hour; executive secretary with word processing, \$8.28 per hour; secretary, \$7.93 per hour; secretary with word processing/PC, \$8.28 per hour

Labor — custodial workers, \$7.83 per hour; laborers, \$8.08 per hour; special cashiers, \$8.28 per hour

All questions concerning this contract should be directed to the Purchasing Department, ADM 360, attn: Jack Winstead, 823-2661.

To: UCF employees
From: Mark Roberts, Human Resources

Subject: "How to" procedures on the Human Resources home page

The Human Resources "how to" procedures (i.e., administrative procedures for UCF employees who perform employee transactions, payroll, processing and other personnel administration related tasks) are accessible through the Human Resources home page. Procedures currently on the aforementioned home page include:

• Compensation: position classification; description and maintenance of internal pay plans; monthly data elements of the classification and pay section of HR; special pay increases (SPIs); necessary forms departments must complete

• Benefits: administrative processes; appointment changes affecting benefits discounts; employee assistant program; executive service benefits; Florida prepaid

college tuition program; forfeiture of benefits; insurance; perquisite program; pretax premiums and how they impact finances; reimbursement accounts; retirement; savings bonds; tax-deferred programs; unemployment compensation; USPS sick leave pool; workers' compensation

• Training and development: scheduling use of training/conference room; enrolling for training classes; using bus transportation when attending training; requesting a training transcript; submitting proposed training topics; enrolling new employees for orientation

• Employment: recruit request forms (RRFs); USPS interviewing procedures; policy on original/promotional appointments; USPS job offer procedures; USPS recruitment

• Records and payroll: establishing security clearance; how to get into the on-line system; on-line payroll processing; overtime data entry; payroll reports; authorizing payroll

Use <http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/perpay/> to access the Human Resources home page. If you have any questions regarding the Human Resources procedures or home page, contact Laurie Bennett at 823-2771.

To: Faculty
From: Sgt. Tom Gorbas, Police Department
Subject: Free police services

Operation identification: A crime prevention officer will assist you in engraving you property with your driver's license number. If your property is lost or stolen, any police agency can trace the owner through the DL number.

Bicycle registration: Free UCFPD decal and registration. Also, it is recommended to have your bike engraved.

Student resource consultant: Students are welcome to stop by and talk with a crime prevention officer. These interviews provide students with verbal and written (brochures) information relating to various police-related subjects for their class projects and term papers.

Security surveys: A crime prevention officer will conduct a security survey of your facility. A detailed review of all security risks and possible solutions to reduce those risks will be provided.

Building situation reports: Unsecured doors that are found by police officers are documented on a Building Situation Report. These reports are forwarded to the building managers for review and disposition.

Student Escort Patrol Service (SEPS): This available Sunday through Thursday, 7-midnight. SEPS will escort anyone (faculty, staff, students, visitors) to any campus location (call 823-2424 for SEPS). If you need an escort during the hour the SEPS are off duty, call 823-5555, and a police officer will be dispatched to assist you.

Latest edition of USPS Council set to represent staff employees

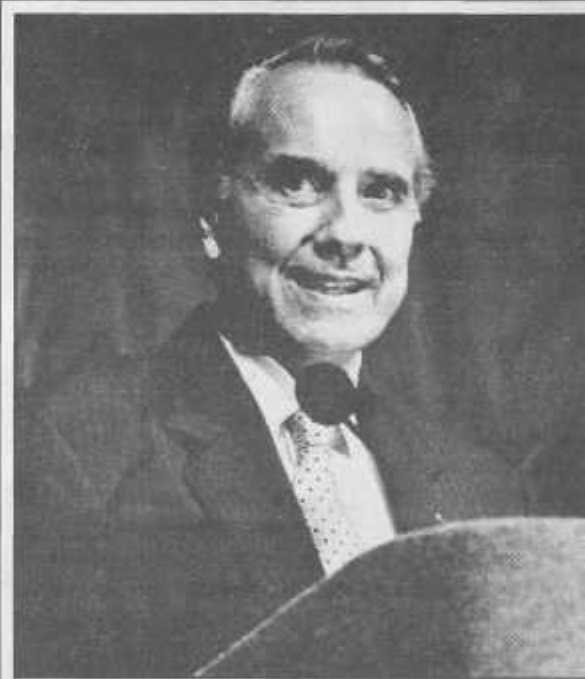
Officers and representatives for the 1997-98 USPS Council have been elected.

Officers are: Joanne Piersall, president; Lois Engley, vice president; Betty Conklin, secretary; and Les Harding, treasurer.

Unit representatives are: Carolyn Rogers, Sociology and Anthropology; V. Diane Mullen, Small Business Development; John Mullen, Public Administration; Lois Engley, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Connie Weiss, Computer Science; Francis Percival, Business Administration; Sandy Hall, Finance; Ada Heller, Postal Services; Bobby Judah, Bookstore; Carmen Milbuta, Quality Initiatives; Marty

Rouse, Business Services; Les Harding, Finance and Accounting, Research Park; Jamie LaMoueaux, Library Serials; Alan Garnett, FSEC; Kathy Winstead, Education; Diane Wood, FSEC; Betty Conklin, Community Relations; Deodith Mapas, South Orlando campus; Fred Smith, CREOL; Debra Wyatt, Finance and Accounting, Research Park; Joanne Piersall, Recreation Services; William Merck, Administration and Finance; Mark Roberts, Human Resources; and Laurie Bennett, Human Resources.

For information on the Staff Council, check out its home page (<http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~uspsstaf/>).



Knight in shining armor

Former senator and 1996 presidential candidate Bob Dole spoke on campus earlier this month. Dole was brought to UCF as one of the SGA and Campus Activities Board's guest speakers.

September Open Enrollment USPS Sick Leave Pool Application

The USPS Sick Leave Pool is having an open enrollment period from Sept. 1-30. To join the sick leave pool, you must have been employed continuously by the state for more than one year and must have a balance of at least 64 hours of unused sick leave. Part-time employees must have a proportionate amount based on their FTE. The donated hours will be deducted on the first pay period following the end of the open enrollment period. Return your completed application form to Human Resources no later than Sept. 30. If you have any questions, please call Deborah Evans, 823-2771.

Name: _____ SS#: _____
Dept: _____ Ext.: _____
Date of UCF employment: _____ If transferred from another state agency, date of employment with that agency: _____

I, hereby, authorize the transfer of 16 hours of sick leave or a proportionate amount based on my FTE from my sick leave account to the sick leave pool. I understand that employees who are not members of the sick leave pool at the time of a qualifying illness or injury shall not be eligible to utilize sick leave pool credits.

Signed: _____ (Applicant) _____ (Date)

Faculty/A&P Sick Leave Pool September Open Enrollment

The Faculty/A&P Sick Leave Pool will have an open enrollment period through the month of March. Please send your application form to the Office of Academic Affairs no later than Sept. 30. Should you have any questions, please call 823-2496.

TO: Frank Juge, Office of Academic Affairs
Faculty and A&P Sick Leave Pool Application

NAME: _____
SS#: _____
DEPT: _____
DATE OF UCF EMPLOYMENT: _____ EXT.: _____

I have read the procedure for the UCF Faculty and Administrative and Professional Sick Leave Pool and agree to abide by its terms. The transfer of eight hours of sick leave from my sick leave account to the Sick Leave Pool is hereby authorized.

SIGNED: _____ (Applicant) _____ (Date)

Short Takes

Open house gives lesson on Library

The Faculty Day Open House at the Library is designed to showcase the Library's services. Demonstrations, exhibits, tours, refreshments and door prizes are all part of the day on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Faculty are invited to drop in at their convenience to learn how the Library staff can assist them in research and in the classroom. The hours are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, contact Meg Scharf at mscharf@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu or 823-5880.

1-of-kind Sacred Buffalo on display

A one-of-a-kind work of Native American art, the "Sacred Buffalo, Waken Tatanka," will be on display at the Student Activities Center until Nov. 15. The monumental work, an entire buffalo skeleton carved with more than 3,000 scenes from the seven sacred rites of the Lakota Sioux, is the largest known scrimshaw in the world. Beyond the stunning presentation of the history of a people, the modern work is a story of our time. People of all races and niches — from Native Americans to Vietnam veterans to bikers — worked on the project.

SunDay Challenge lets racers shine

Alternative energy cars have their chance to shine on Saturday, Sept. 27, when the Florida Solar Energy Center holds its sixth annual SunDay Challenge. Vehicles in the rally travel 70 miles from the center in Cocoa to the finish line at EPCOT in Orlando. Along the way, drivers will demonstrate vehicle handling, acceleration and energy-efficiency. For information, call FSEC's Bill Young at 638-1458.



Upcoming holiday

Don't rush to make plans for a long weekend. The next universitywide holiday isn't until Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

This issue

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Human Resources loses 'heart'

Payroll supervisor Awdra Montgomery, 38, died of brain hemorrhage

UCF's Office of Human Resources lost its heart and "mother" last week when payroll supervisor Awdra Montgomery died of a brain hemorrhage. She was 38.

"She was the last link in the pay chain. Awdra was directly responsible for making sure it happened. All of the pressure was here," says Human Resources Director Mark Roberts.

Montgomery was working in her office when she first complained of a migraine headache on Friday, Sept. 5. She was later rushed by ambulance to a hospital and died the following day.

"She said, 'Just let me sit here. Then I will get up and go home.' I should have known something was really wrong. Awdra would never have left with the payroll unfinished. That should have been a sign," says Linda Browning, records manager.

Browning was with Montgomery in a lounge when her friend lost consciousness and 911 was called. Montgomery was removed from life support at Florida Hospital South at about 5 p.m. Saturday.

"I couldn't help but think we've lost a third angel," Browning says, connecting Montgomery's shocking death with the passing of Princess Diana and Mother Theresa. "She touched a lot of lives at the university and in the community. If you got a paycheck, she touched you too."

Those who knew her best are still in mourning, Roberts adds.

"We're in shock. One minute you're working with a co-worker, and the next minute she's gone ...

Awdra was such a special person with a great sense of humor. We'd always ask her how it was going when she was working late to get the payroll out. She'd joke, 'Don't even ask; don't even ask.'"

Deborah Evans, manager of compensation and benefits, was Montgomery's friend for 18 years.

"She was a loving mother to her three children. She was the strength of her family. Even here in the office, I think we all used her in that way. No

matter how bad things were, Awdra would always say, 'It's going to get better.'"

Montgomery had been employed at UCF for 12 years.

"The heart of our office is gone," says Martha Mitchell, Human Resources representative. "Awdra was a peacemaker. I don't care who you are or what you needed, if she had it, it was yours. She provided 101 percent whatever she did, and she

made sure to make you feel important. She never met a stranger."

Montgomery was an Oviedo resident with Sanford roots. She leaves husband Willie Sr., and children Carlata, Willie Jr. — who works in UCF's Physical Plant — and Travis. Her funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, but the location had not been determined by press time.

"We're all so sad, but I guess happy for her. The Lord was No. 1 with Awdra. She was so peaceful at the hospital," Browning says.

Adds Evans, "We know where she is."

An update and information on floral and monetary tributes are available through Mary Miller at 823-5185.

— Susan Loden

Cool treat, warm welcome



Orange County Commissioner Mary Johnson, along with UCF's University Relations Vice President Dan Holsenbeck, Provost Gary Whitehouse and President John Hitt, serves free ice cream to students during the Ice Cream Social on Aug. 28. The annual Ice Cream Social is used as a way to welcome new and current students to UCF for another year of study.

safety and denying the existence of campus crime. This came in the wake of some universities and colleges being sites of severe attacks and subsequently targets of lawsuits, Gorbis says.

"As a mid-sized university, we have lower crime statistics. We also have aggressive police patrolling; and Crime Watch works well here. It's not like a big city, where people look the other way and don't want to be bothered. Everybody pulls together and calls in things that are suspicious," he says.

University police answer all [on-campus] 911 calls and are on the scene in two minutes or less. There are 35 sworn police officers serving 28,500 students almost 5,000 employees on the 1,442-acre campus, which has more than 50 major buildings.

"The city of Orlando is closing in on us, and as the community grows so does crime. Years ago, it was very quiet here. But, you can't control who comes on campus," Gorbis says.

Despite that, UCF police appear to be doing a good job keeping crime off campus. While on-campus burglaries — the most significant increase over 1995's stats — jumped to 109 in 1996, up more than 50 percent from the previous year, vehicle thefts dropped from six to two.

Published tips on safety are available through the UCF Police Department.

— Susan Loden

Seven most serious crimes as established by the FBI

UCF Crimes Reported	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Rape (sexual assault)					
Forced	1	0	0	1	0
*Non-forced			0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0
Aggravated assault	3	3	5	1	1
Burglary	46	58	99	71	109
Larceny-theft	153	210	209	213	207
Motor vehicle theft	3	4	8	6	2

*Non-forced rape includes: (1) incest (sexual intercourse between lineal relatives) and (2) statutory rape (intercourse with a minor — no consent by law). These statistics are required by the Federal Crime Awareness Act of 1990, effective July 1, 1994.

Arrests for miscellaneous offenses

UCF Crimes Reported	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
*Liquor law violations	15	17	14	9	19
DUI	17	15	24	39	42
Drug-related violations	1	2	11	21	15
Weapons violations	5	2	0	1	3

*Liquor law violations include: (1) drinking under 21 years of age, (2) Orange County Open Alcoholic Beverage Container Law, and (3) selling alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21 years old.

Source: UCF Police Department

Student patrol escorts students, employees to safety

It's late and you're feeling a little uneasy about that lonely trek across campus to your car. Who you gonna call?

SEPS, of course. That's short for Student Escort Patrol Services, a squad of six trained and screened students working in shifts, Sunday

through Thursday, to escort anyone on campus from one location to another.

When reached by phone at 823-2424, from 7 p.m. to midnight, SEPS deploys escorts on foot or in a golf cart to help ensure security on campus.

UCF Police Sgt. Tom Gorbis says when the students are off duty campus police fill in so that the safety net is there around the clock.

The SEPS force wears shirts that are clearly marked with the organization's logo, and golf carts bear the same emblem. Gorbis says

the SEPS patrol — equipped with police radios — is ready to report signs of trouble on campus.

"We're trying to make them more visible. Anybody is more secure with an escort. It's a major convenience and a safe ride [or walk]," he says.

— Susan Loden

Campus bus terminal on schedule for spring

Buses will have a UCF hub of their own when classes commence next spring. A direct bus link between the university and Seminole Community College is also in the works.

The Transport Center, built through a partnership between the university and Lynx, will open in conjunction with the new Parking Garage I, Police Department Chief Richard Turkiewicz says.

"Lynx paid \$200,000 and UCF contributed \$250,000 to build it," he says. "It will be a center for people to load on and off buses — a transit center for Lynx, LASER, tours, high

school buses, hired buses for football games; any buses that come on campus."

The Transport Center will be located between Parking Garage I and the Education Building. It will have space to accommodate eight buses at a time.

Turkiewicz says discussions are under way for a fourth Lynx/LASER route that will connect the University of Central Florida with Seminole Community College through a partnership between the schools and Lynx, along with Oviedo, Orange and Seminole counties, the Florida Department of Transportation and apartment complexes and shopping plazas along the route.

Lynx/LASER serves UCF students and staff at discount rates.

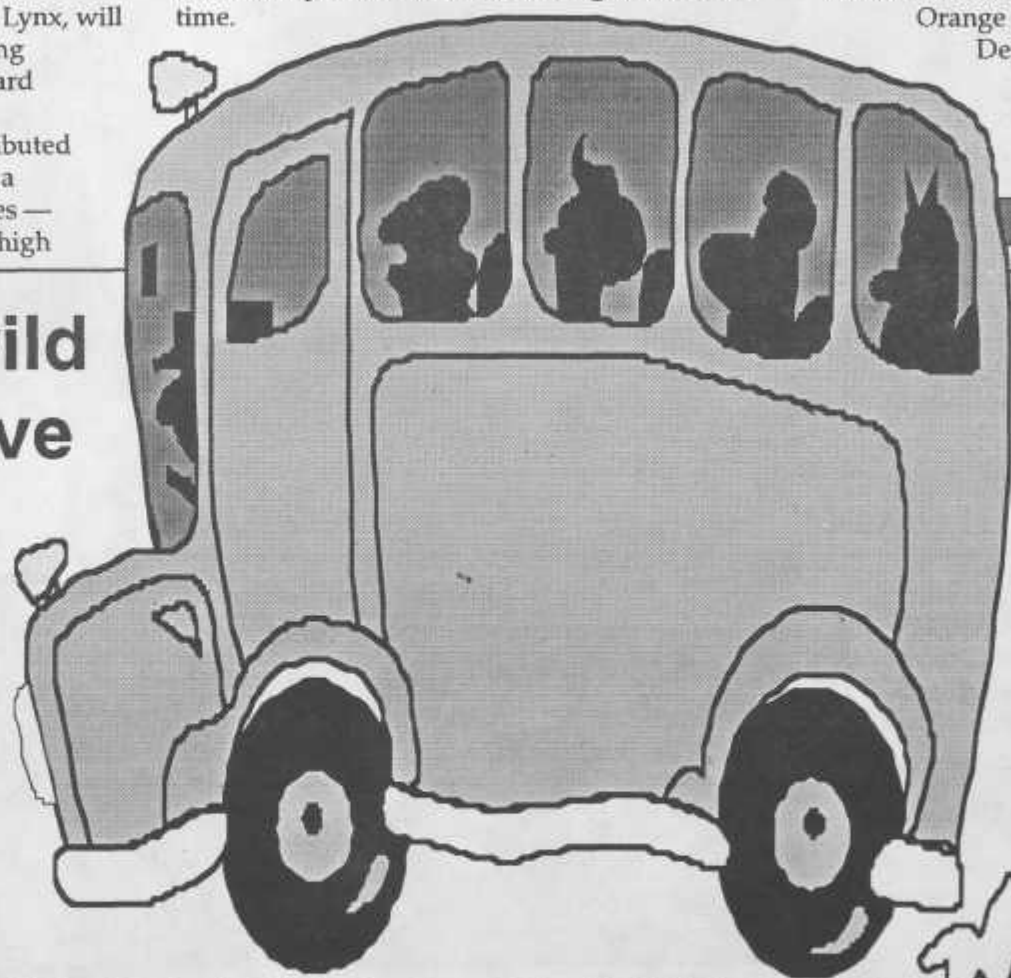
— Susan Loden

Taming the wild and crazy drive to, from UCF

Tired of fighting traffic? There is an alternative to the daily hassle of clogged roadways, long commutes, wear and tear on your car and limited on-campus parking spaces.

One of the best and least expensive ways to rid yourself of the headache is to use the Lynx/LASER. The bus system serves UCF and the surrounding area as follows:

- Lynx routes generally run all week, every 30 minutes, at a measly 75 cents per ride. Route No. 13 is UCF to the downtown bus station, via Goldenrod Road, Winter Park Hospital, Audubon Park and East Robinson Street. Route No. 30 is UCF to Valencia Community College, via Union Park, Fashion Square Mall, the Greyhound terminal and Old Winter Garden Road. Route No. 47 is UCF to



Alafaya Woods, via Knights Crossing, Oviedo High and the Oviedo Library (no Sunday service).

- LASER shuttle routes generally run Monday through Friday, every 30 minutes, at just 25 cents per ride. Routes are UCF to Alafaya Commons, via Alafaya Trail, Cambridge Circle,

University Club, Fox Hunt, Central Florida Research Park and back to campus; UCF to Quadrangle, via Knights Crossing, University Shoppes, Collegiate Village Inn and back to campus; UCF to Central Florida Research Park, via Harbour Village, Fairwinds Credit Union,

Westinghouse, Research Pavilion and back to campus.

The University/Alafaya Corridor Transportation Association (UACTA), in partnership with UCF, Lynx and surrounding businesses, has Lynx and LASER route schedules and maps available. It also has information on reduced fare passes, carpooling, work hour management, other public transit services, bike and pedestrian programs and telecommuting/

distance learning strategies.

For information or schedules, call UACTA at 658-8492, fax at 282-1988.

Source: Speed Thomas, director, University/Alafaya Corridor Transportation Association

Hitt: UCF bigger, better

■ President gives school overview at Faculty and A&P Assembly

UCF isn't only getting bigger, it's getting better, President John Hitt told a crowd of over 300 at the annual Faculty and A&P Assembly in late August.

The university is growing at an astonishing rate, he said, but "we do not sacrifice quality for quantity." Hitt declared dead the myth that UCF is a commuter school. And while it's true that most transfer students come to UCF from its service area, only 23 percent of incoming freshmen do the same.

"We are enrolling record numbers of freshmen, more than 850 who live in university housing and another 1,000 plus of whom live around the periphery of campus in student housing," he said. "These first-year students, along with many other students who live in university housing and Greek Park, are creating a campus culture and atmosphere much like that of the more traditional universities."

Hitt said that he and administrators will work to continue that trend. For instance, more than 500 additional beds will be available by next fall with the completion of another dorm.

"We are no longer preponderantly a university of transfer students. While the number of transfer students we enroll has remained stable, our freshman class grows each year in size and quality," he said.

Many of the initiatives outlined by Provost Gary Whitehouse during the assembly support the goal of significantly improving operational excellence on campus.

The Pew Roundtable, which was funded by the Pew Foundation, included 30 campus members, of which half were not administrators, one student and one alumnus. "They concluded that the university's five major goals should remain intact," Whitehouse said, "but suggested four initiatives: promoting interdisciplinarity, fostering learning

communities, making innovative use of technology and achieving operational excellence." Future roundtable discussions will expand on each of those issues.

UCF administrators have set aside \$500,000 to increase the efficiency of day-to-day operations.

"The Bureaucracy Busters will develop some kind of system, possibly by computer or telephone, that would allow students to get answers to their problems," Whitehouse said.

Student Services Improvement Teams are looking at ways to help students with problems that involve more than one university division, thus, making their problems difficult to solve.

"For instance, the teams have identified several areas to work on, such as holds on students and the orientation process," Whitehouse said.

Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students from the Industrial Engineering Department are working on the initiative, dubbed the University's Customer Focus for the 21st Century, which includes studying processes, identifying problem spots and simplifying operations to make them more efficient.

Whitehouse said that three areas — computer science, computer engineering and materials research — have been selected to receive funds for enhancement. "These are areas of study where opportunities, especially in the region, would move these departments forward rapidly. Computer Science and Computer Engineering received \$600,000 between them," he said.

Whitehouse also revealed that UCF will spend around \$10 million over the next three or four years on a student information system and a Human Resources information system. "We've already selected the vendors for these computerized projects," Whitehouse said.

— Joanne Griggs

Faculty Senate back in session

The Faculty Senate kicked off the new academic year with a meeting aimed at getting committees up and running as soon as possible.

Richard Tucker, Faculty Senate chair, said there will be six standing committees: Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum, Undergraduate Course Review, Graduate Policy and Curriculum, Graduate Council, Personnel, and Budget and Administration Procedures. There will be 16 reporting committees, including the General Education Oversight Committee, which was a task force last year that examined the diversity requirement and other issues.

A universitywide committee that will review the structure of the general education requirements will be chaired by Beth Stullenbarger. Representatives from all five colleges will be involved. Also, an advisory committee for the new Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning will report to the Faculty Senate.

Other issues that will be addressed by the senate over the next year include the modification of grades with the addition of pluses and minuses, evaluation of the new student evaluations forms, grade inflation and the 48-hour requirement for Honors.

Rosie Joels and Ida Cook asked about several items, which will be discussed by the Personnel Committee: the 5-year evaluation of administrators and work compensation for employees on speaking engagements when they're not being paid.

— Joanne Griggs

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that law enforcement can follow to prove in court what caused a fire or explosion. Most labs are state and local or private and lack a scientific process, says David Boyd, director for the Office of Science and Technology for the National Institute of Justice. The planning grant of \$300,000 that

UCF received upon the authorization of the center in March has been used to form an advisory board of forensic experts. "They'll explore what kind of help these labs need," Boyd says.

A national symposium hosted by UCF in July included forensic scientists, arson and explosion investigators,



Players for the center are: (from left) Director William McGee; Rep. Bill McCollum; President John Hitt; Director of Science and Technology for the National Institute of Justice David Boyd; and Chemistry Department Chair Glenn Cunningham.

"It's not enough to catch these criminals. You have to convict them. You need objective standards that are unassailable, that don't leave a chink in the prosecution's case."

John Hitt

law enforcement and military personnel, attorneys and educators.

According to Kathryn Seidel, dean for the College of Arts and Sciences, the impetus for the development of the center came from a survey of 100 UCF graduates with bachelor's degrees in forensic sciences, 71 of whom work for the Secret Service, FBI and an array of forensic labs and enforcement agencies. "Many of them said that they were being asked to conduct analyses for which they lacked sufficient training," she says. "They said that a center such as we've created would solve their problems."

UCF's forensic sciences program, which began in 1974 with McGee at the helm, is one of only six in the country that offers a bachelor's degree,

she says. "It is a rigorous, science-based curriculum with a 600-hour internship." Plans are to launch a master's degree program via distance learning for practicing professionals.

President John Hitt thanked many of the key players for their part in the creation of the center.

"It's not enough to catch these criminals," Hitt says. "You have to convict them. You need objective standards that are unassailable, that don't leave a chink in the prosecution's case."

Hitt says he is proud of UCF's faculty for the role they will play in fighting terrorism. "They're stepping up to the plate and filling the needs of our country."

— Joanne Griggs

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when Harpole saw the Karmapa he was impressed.

"Some people have a feel of magic around them. There is really an immense energy and power around him. Definitely a special feeling, a sense of power and authority. He looks much older," Harpole says.

"I had been told to expect to be changed by the experience. I was skeptical. After seeing the Karmapa, I had a powerful dream about the Karmapa. It was a surprising and prophetic experience, which I'm reluctant to share with Westerners. Its sounds silly. The message was I would be his messenger."

That is in line with Harpole's plan to document the Karmapa's story on film. Although, during his

weeklong, July visit to the monastery, he was not allowed to capture the Karmapa's image during the five hours of preliminary filming for the documentary.

Harpole expects that to change when he returns for two weeks in February with a crew that will include Oscar-nominee "Hoop Dreams" editor Fred Marks. Meanwhile, Harpole is raising funds to cover the film's \$100,000 budget.

This won't be his first documentary depicting a sensitive subject. His 1991 film of life in Moscow just before the fall of Communism helped convince the Tsurphu Foundation, which supports the Tsurphu Monastery, that he could depict the Karmapa as a religious, non-political figure.

Harpole discovered the assignment through his son, Andrew, who is a Buddhist and found the information on the Internet.

"They are very interested in spreading the Karmapa's image and message worldwide. They believe he will be protected [from Chinese government intervention] by worldwide attention. As long as they maintain a strictly religious posture, they are fine," Harpole explains.

"My goal is to make a film about compassion. The theme encompasses the Buddhist philosophy and speaks to a Western audience. Compassion is one of the high points of the Buddhist philosophy. The world could use more of that."

— Susan Loden

The wind beneath their wings

High school students get helping hand from their mentors — UCF professors Mubarak Shah and Barry Schweitzer

Forget diamonds. Nowadays, a girl's best friend may very well be a research scientist.

That's the case for high school seniors Amber Folk and Corey Zehngebot, at least in terms of the International Science Fair.

"They wouldn't have won at the International Science Fair without Barry," says Betsy Folk, Amber's mother.

The "Barry" she is referring to is assistant chemistry professor Barry Schweitzer, director for the Division of Molecular and Structural Biology at Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute at Florida Hospital.

Under Schweitzer's guidance, the students purified a protein (Recombinant Human Gycinamide Ribonucleotide Formyltransferase) that is a potential target for cancer chemotherapy in the development of anti-cancer drugs. "We needed to know the structure of this particular protein. It's kind of like having the structure of a lock so you can design a key to unlock it," Schweitzer explains. A UCF graduate student will continue the project.

Their work earned Folk and Zehngebot first place and \$3,000 in the team division of the five-day International Science Fair this spring. They were competing against 1,200 other high school students from throughout the world. Folk attends Winter Park High and Zehngebot goes to Lake Highland Preparatory School.

It was Judy LeGault, a science teacher at Lake Highland Prep, who brought the girls to Schweitzer. LeGault was looking for research projects for the students, and Schweitzer needed help. The two high school students worked five to 10 hours a week at the center during the academic year.

"Dr. Schweitzer will always be a special person to me," says Amber Folk. "He was an excellent mentor who allowed us to use some of the finest resources in the Southeast."

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doctorates from Yale, received a Special Fellowship from the Leukemia Society of America and a National Research Service Award from the National Institutes of Health. He is currently the head investigator for a project on genetic testing for the Florida Hospital Gala Endowed Program for Oncologic Research.

Despite his high profile in the research world, Schweitzer thinks it is important to cultivate the scientists of the future. "It's part of our mission to encourage young students," he says.

The judges at the science fair, research scientists themselves, interviewed contestants thoroughly. "That allowed the judges to determine if mentors or teachers had too much of a hand in the project," Betsy Folk says. "But both girls were very well prepared. In fact, the judges were fascinated with their work."

Winning first place was "a once-in-a-lifetime experience" for Folk, who has been inspired to continue her studies. But she did learn that she doesn't want to devote her life to working in a lab. "I feel obligated to continue my studies in math and science. I feel as if I need to use my talents to help others," she says.

Zehngebot, whose father is a medical oncologist, spent her summer at MIT at a summer science program, and plans to continue with her work in science.

— Joanne Griggs

By all rights, Jed Rose should be a computer nerd.

At 17, he's already spent a year conducting research in computer vision, works shoulder-to-shoulder with UCF graduate students and has met the world's top researchers. He also has been invited to visit IBM Almaden Research Lab in California, renown for its computer research, to give a talk about his work at UCF. Rose's mentor is UCF computer science professor Mubarak Shah.

But if you think Rose is a young man totally focused on computers and science, guess again.

There's no pocket calculator, taped glasses or out-of-touch demeanor. Rose loves sports — he's on the varsity cross-country team at Lake Brantley High and enjoys skiing and ultimate Frisbee, which he describes as a combination of Frisbee and football. His world travels are extensive. His photography is good enough to display in his parents' home. And despite the two-hour drive from Sweetwater to UCF after school for lab work and college-level courses at Seminole Community College, he still makes time for the usual teenage socializing.

Rose came to UCF via a summer science program at Baylor University in Texas. He was one of 10 high school students selected from across the nation.

"I've loved math as long as I can remember," he says. "My dad encouraged me in that area. But the mathematics professors weren't available during the summer program at Baylor, so I went with my second choice — computers."

After summer camp, he sought help from UCF researchers so he could continue his work. Shah describes Rose's work as content-based image retrieval.

"He developed a technique that enables a user to extract an image, based on a visual query, from a database containing a vast number of pictures," Shah says. "With this technique, you don't have to categorize pictures in the computer

"I couldn't have asked for a better mentor."

Jed Rose

because the computer 'recognizes' categories of objects, such as a tree or a bridge."

Shah, one of the pioneers in the relatively new field of computer vision, foresees practical applications for this technique in forensic science, medical imaging, geographical databases and image archiving.

"You never know where this could be used," he says. "For instance, it could be used for matching photos from a videotape of a bank robbery to photos of known criminals."

Rose plans to refine his research during his senior year in high school.

"My program is very good at retrieving images, but I want it to be more adaptable, more robust, not so picky," he says. "I want it to be able to retrieve the same image from different angles."

He currently has 1,000 images that the computer can identify.

Rose has already collected an array of awards, including the Air Force first place at the 48th International Science and Engineering competition for high school students this spring, the Kodak first place award and an all-paid trip to Space Camp at NASA.

He is grateful for the help from Shah and the access to the UCF lab. "I couldn't have asked for a better mentor," Rose says.

Rose, who will soon decide which university he'll attend, refuses to narrow down his options. "I don't know what field I'll specialize in. It might not even exist yet," he says.

"Regardless, I don't see myself locked away in an office working on a computer all day, and the field I select will have to have broad applications. It's important to me that my work be practical for everyday life."

— Joanne Griggs

Senior brings prestigious award to UCF



UCF senior Jami Bartlett received national honor for her essay on poet T.S. Eliot.

English major Jami Bartlett 1 of 3 in nation honored as Portz Scholar

UCF senior Jami Bartlett is one of three undergraduates in the nation honored this year as a Portz Scholar by the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Her winning, 30-page essay is part of her UCF Honors Program thesis, which challenges T. S. Eliot's presentation of himself as a "modern" vs. Victorian writer.

As a winner in this seventh annual competition, with students in all disciplines submitting papers, Bartlett, an English literature major, will read from her essay at the national conference of the NCHC in Atlanta on Oct. 23. Excerpts will be published in the *National Honors Report*, and she will receive \$250.

"I don't like T.S. Eliot all that much. I am intrigued by him ... I want to disprove that his first volume of

poetry is a modern product. It shows signs of Victorian residue," says Bartlett, who plans to teach English literature at the university level.

English professor Paul Puccio, who directed Bartlett's thesis, says he is not surprised, but very happy Bartlett received the national recognition. "Her work is solid, important, well-crafted and creative. Her work is very much cutting edge. This is a perfect cap to an undergraduate career, and will make anything Jami does after UCF richer."

From Ft. Myers, Bartlett chose to come to UCF because of its "really excellent Honors Program."

This was her second try for the prestigious Portz Scholar award.

"I was utterly shocked [to win]," she says. "I had no preconception, because I hadn't gotten it the year before. I tried to buckle down and write at the last minute, thinking I probably wouldn't win. And that was OK. I was very, very shocked."

— Susan Loden

PEOPLE

Caught in the act



Employees from Building Services put a new twist on their weekly staff meeting recently by having a picnic at Lake Claire. The picnic ... uh, staff meeting took place during lunch hour.

Newcomers

W.F. Angermeier, psychology professor, was formerly a professor at the University of Cologne in Germany. Angermeier attended the University of Georgia, where he received a Ph.D. in psychology. He is married and enjoys traveling.

Reyes Berrios, visiting assistant chemistry professor, comes to UCF from Acropham Technology Inc. Berrios has a Ph.D. in chemistry, and enjoys playing classical and contemporary flute music.

Tracy Dietz, assistant sociology and anthropology professor, attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where she received her bachelor's in sociology and aging. She then went on to the University of North Texas, where she received her Ph.D. and master's. Dietz is married and enjoys cooking and home brewing.

Paul Dombrowski, visiting assistant English professor, was formerly an assistant professor for Ohio University. Dombrowski attended Rensselaer Polytechnic, where he received a Ph.D. in communication and rhetoric. He and his wife have two children.

Richard Dooner, English instructor, comes to UCF from the University of Florida, where he received his Ph.D. in contemporary literature.

Michael Doran, assistant history professor, comes to UCF from Princeton University, where he was a lecturer. Doran attended Stanford University and Princeton University. He received his Ph.D. in modern Middle Eastern history. Doran is married and enjoys swimming.

Peggy Dwyer, associate accounting professor, comes to UCF from Southern Illinois University. Dwyer attended Rice University, where she received her bachelor's and master's in accounting. She later attended the University of Missouri, where she earned a Ph.D. Dwyer is married and has one child. She enjoys golfing, bridge and the piano.

Sophia Dziegielewska, visiting associate social work professor, comes to UCF from the University of Alabama, where she was an associate professor. Dziegielewska attended UCF, where she earned a bachelor's in sociology, and went on to Florida State University, where she received her master's and Ph.D. in social work. She is married and has two children. Dziegielewska enjoys public speaking and aerobics.

Heidi Fairall, senior computer support specialist for Computer Services, was formerly on the support staff for UCF's Pegasus Help Desk. Fairall attended UCF and

received her bachelor's in psychology. She enjoys reading and surfing the Internet.

Cameron Ford, associate management professor, comes to UCF from Rutgers University, where he was an assistant professor. Ford attended Penn State University, and received a bachelor's and Ph.D. in management. Ford and his wife have one child. Ford enjoys parenting, golf, music and computing.

Scott Hagen, assistant engineering professor, comes to UCF from the University of Notre Dame, where he was a research assistant. Hagen earned a bachelor's from the University of Iowa and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He enjoys jogging, jazz and cooking.

Lani Harris, assistant theater professor, will be teaching and directing plays. Harris comes from the University of Alabama, where she was an assistant professor. She earned a bachelor's and master's in theater. She is married, has two children and enjoys horses.

Trenton Holliday, assistant sociology and anthropology professor, is formerly a visiting assistant professor for the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Holliday earned a bachelor's from Louisiana State University and a master's and Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. He enjoys mountain biking and Cajun music.

Stephen Holmes, assistant criminal justice and legal studies professor, was formerly a social science analyst with the U.S. Department of Justice. He earned a bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in criminal justice. Holmes and his wife have three children. Holmes enjoys baseball, college football and basketball.

Seungkwan Hong, assistant civil and environmental engineering professor, comes to UCF from the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was a lecturer. Hong received a Ph.D. in civil engineering from UCLA. Hong enjoys tennis and golf.

Tan Huaixiang, assistant theater professor, comes to UCF from Central Washington University, where he was an assistant professor. Huaixiang attended Utah State University and the Central Academy of Drama in China. She and her husband have one child. Huaixiang enjoys painting and swimming.

Maier Goldberg, academic support services coordinator for the Daytona Beach campus, was formerly from St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York. He enjoys rollerblading and dancing.

Appointments and Activities

Walter Bogumil, associate management professor, presented a workshop this summer for the Industrial Waste Pretreatment Committee, a statewide organization that maintains federal government standards for all manner of waste treatment. The topic of Bogumil's presentation was "Recruitment and Selection in a Tight Labor Market."

Valerie Browne-Krimsley of the School of Nursing received a \$100,000 grant from the Prenatal and Infant Care Coalition of Brevard County for the UCF Brevard Clinic. The clinic also received a national award for partnership with the Brevard Housing Authority.

Constance Cutchins, statistics instructor, participated in an NSF-sponsored undergraduate faculty enhancement workshop, titled "Active Learning in Elementary Statistics," at the University of South Carolina in June. She was selected as one of 24 participants nationwide.

Gina Giovinco of the School of Nursing was recently elected chair of the International Network of Ethics on the Public and Private Sector. The organization conducts workshops, provides consultation and works with government and private groups and industry to develop ethical standards and provide leadership all over the world. Giovinco presented a paper, "Stories: A Logotherapy Technique to Help Children Cope with Loss, Grief and Spirituality" at the 11th World Congress on Logotherapy, held in Dallas. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy.

Saleh Naser of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Biology, along with colleagues **F. EL-Zaatari** and **D. Graham**, published an article titled "Characterization of a Specific Mycobacterium Paratuberculosis Recombinant Clone Expressing 35,000-Molecular-Weight Antigen and Reactivity with Sera from Animals with Clinical and Subclinical Johnes' Disease" in the July issue of the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology*. Naser, in collaboration with Winter Park physician **Ira Shafranm**, recently conducted a seminar for 100 patients with Crohn's Disease. This educational seminar relayed the newest finding on Crohn's Disease and its treatment to patients. In addition, he participated in a radio program called "Retrospect" with a focus on health and medicine in central Florida. Radio stations WDBO 580 AM, K92 FM and STAR 94.5 FM aired the 28-minute program.

Mary Lou Sole of the School of Nursing was selected to be a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She will be formally inducted in November in Washington, D.C. The mission of the academy is to provide the nursing profession with visionary leadership, advance scientific knowledge and influence health care policies and practices.

Judith Sindlinger, director of the Office of Student Support in the College of Health and Public Affairs, has been elected president of the Board of Directors of the Center for the Study of College Fraternity. The center was established in 1981 to encourage the study of the role of fraternities and sororities in higher education.

Mark Soskin of the Economics Department and director of the Florida Canada Linkage Institute served as a panelist on a post-elections roundtable while attending the Canadian Studies Academic Exchange Conference, sponsored by the Canadian Consulate, in Atlanta this summer. He also partnered the Volusia County Development Corporation with a Tampa-area Florida-Canadian business association to win a \$50,000 Enterprise Florida Export Promotion Grant.

Stella Sung of the Department of Music is one of 38 recipients of a \$5,000 1997-98 Florida Individual Artists Fellowship. This highly competitive program is open to artists in visual arts, literature, dance, folk arts, interdisciplinary art, theater and music composition. Sung will also be one of the 47 Alumnae of Outstanding Achievement honorees during a celebration of the 50th anniversary of coeducation at the University of Florida. The group was selected to represent 85,000 women who have attended the university since it began accepting women in 1947. Sung is on sabbatical leave for the 1997-98 academic year at the prestigious MacDowell Artists Colony in New Hampshire.



CALENDAR

September

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• "Noises Off," by Michael Frayn, UCF Theatre. 823-1500

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• Leadership Development Speaker: Nancy Hunter-Denney, "The Future is Yours to Create," Student Union, Key West Room, 3 p.m. 823-6471

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• USPS Staff Council meeting, BA 230, 9:30 a.m. 823-5756

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• Black Faculty and Staff Assembly 1997 mentoring breakfast, Student Union, 7:45 a.m. 823-3154
• Wind Ensemble Concert, Visual Arts Building, 8 p.m., free. 823-2869
• Women's Soccer vs. Cornell, UCF soccer field, 4 p.m. 823-6345

19-21

• UCF Family Weekend. 823-6471

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• Fan Fair, Tinker Field, 4-7 p.m. UCF-ALUM
• Football vs. Idaho (Rockin' Rally), Citrus Bowl, 7 p.m. 823-2342

20-21

• Sunshine Invitational Discovery Classic, UCF Arena. (941) 434-046

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• Firefighters Oldies Concert: Fabian, The Drifters, The Shangri-Las, Rocky and the Rollers, UCF Arena, 7:30 p.m. 823-3070

• CAB movie: "Cannonball Run," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Faculty Day, Library, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 823-5880
• The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE at UCF) lecture series: "The Emergency of Deep Ecology," Dwight Kiel, political science, 9:30 a.m.; "This Old House," Retha Thomas, The Waterhouse Restoration, 11:10 a.m., UC7 Cinema Movie Theater. 249-4778

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• Women's Studies: Lunchtime talk for non-tenured faculty women, noon-1 p.m. HFA 516. 823-3258
• CAB movie: "Cannonball Run 2," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Volleyball vs. Florida International, UCF Arena, 7 p.m. 823-2025
• Faculty Senate meeting, Student Union, Garden Key Room, 4-5:15 p.m.

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• Women's Studies Noontime Knowledge Lecture: "Leadership Styles in the Workplace," Mary Uhl-Bien, Management, Downtown Academic Center, noon-1 p.m. 823-3258
• College of Business Education Fair, Atrium, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 823-2184
• Volleyball vs. Florida Atlantic, UCF Arena, 7 p.m. 823-2025

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• Alumni Tailgate Party at Auburn, 3-5:30 p.m. UCF-ALUM

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• Faculty Woodwind Quintet, Rehearsal Hall, 3 p.m. \$5. 823-2869
• CAB movie: "Platoon," Student Union, 8 p.m. 823-6471

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• Men's Soccer vs. Stetson, UCF soccer field, 4 p.m. 823-2262
• The Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE at UCF) lecture series: "Practical Dilemmas and Political Conundrums," Dwight Kiel, political science, 9:30 a.m.; "Mounting and Exhibit," Hansen Mulford, curator, Orlando Museum of Art, 11:10 a.m., UC7 Cinema Movie Theater. 249-4778

Library Exhibits

• Journey in Photography: A Retrospective on Alternative Processes, by Maria-Cristina Santana.
• Diversity ... A Connecting Weave, by Valarie King.
• International Student Fair, by Douglas Mowry.
• Sexual Assault Awareness Week: Sept. 15-20, by Erin Brown.
• Foreign Languages Study Abroad, by Maria Redmon.
• Careers in Marketing, by Ronald Michaels.

For a more comprehensive up-to-date calendar, check out: <http://www.oir.ucf.edu/pubrel/calendar/>

CLASSIFIED

For Sale

Computer Table and executive style fabric/steel chair w/ rollers, both are gray, excellent condition. Cost \$250, asking \$95 for both or \$50 each. Janell, 823-2824 or 366-4685.

Couch, light blue, 3-piece sectional, 5 years old, good condition. Bought for \$1,100, selling for \$350 obo. Need to sell ASAP. Kim, 823-3015 or 381-0815.

Infant Travel System, Century 4-in-1, carrier, stroller, car seat and toddler stroller in one. Can be used from birth to 40 lbs. Pastel colors. Excellent condition, 7 months old.

Paid \$130, asking \$75. Chris, 359-9967.

Isuzu Amigo, '90, red. 135,000 miles, excellent condition, well maintained. A/C, heat, CD player, 4 speakers, tow package, roof rack (removable), black hardtop (removable) w/ tinted windows. \$3,800 obo. Doug, 277-5661 (H), 380-4964 (W).

Miscellaneous, antique Duncan-Phyfe sofa, \$450; complete Christmas village (buildings, people, etc.), \$200; new 3-seat adult swing w/ cover, \$150; female's 10-speed bike, \$15; Halloween village, \$50; office desk chairs, \$20 each; patio slide/stack vinyl windows w/ tracks, screws, \$600; Hammond (early '50s) synth./organ, \$350; antique green glass and brass chain

necklace, \$75; authentic slate from China wall, used in EPCOT China Pavillion, \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Mary, 823-4663 (days) or 384-6758 (evenings).

Piano, Baldwin Acrosonic. Purchased new in 1960 and serviced regularly. Excellent condition. \$1,500. Peavey DPM 3 se synth with case and software, \$750. 384-2189 or 677-7903.

Wanted/Misc.

Dog, Rottweiler, free to good home. Young female, friendly, sweet-tempered. 677-7025.

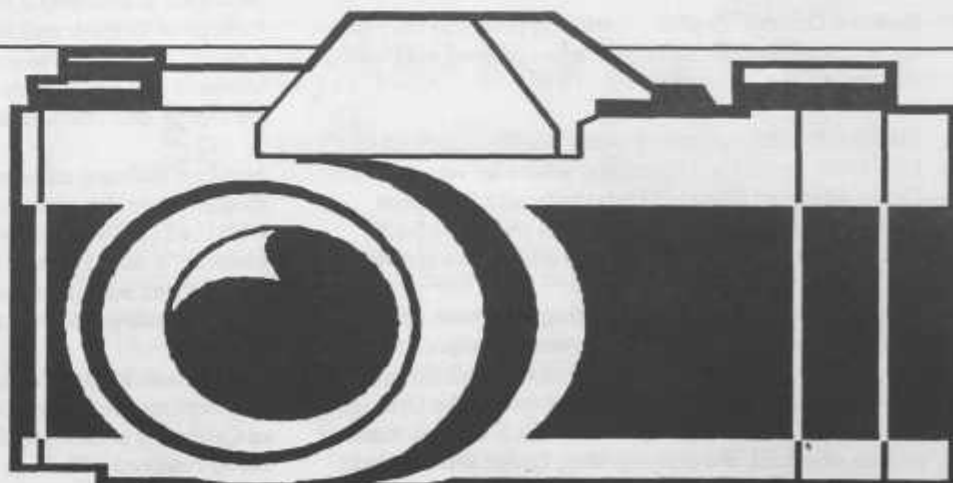
Wanted: photographs for university calendar

The Office of Public Relations is planning a wall calendar for 1998 and needs your help.

The calendar will feature scenes of campus or obvious

UCF events and activities. Photos (slides, actually) are being collected now, and everyone is invited to submit their best photographs.

See information below.



Entry Information

Entries must have the entrant's name, address and phone number clearly marked on the piece in indelible ink. An entry form must accompany entries. Send or deliver all entries to: Calendar Photo Contest, University of Central Florida, University Relations, P.O. Box 160090, ADM 338, Orlando, FL 32816-0090.

The First UCF Calendar Photo Contest Entry Form

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (day) _____ (eve) _____
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Deadline: Oct. 1